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Join us in Philomath for Alpha Rho State's Fall Conference and Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 2015, will be the Fall Conference and Executive Board Meeting. All DKG members and nonmembers are invited to the conference from 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. We will have two, 1 hr. 15 min. sessions where you can attend one of three workshops at each session on Technology, Diversity, or Personal Growth. Please see the schedule (pp. 7 - 8) and fill out the membership registration **NOW!** Cost for members is \$20, which includes a light breakfast, lunch, drinks, dessert, PDU's, and conference printing.

Nonmembers are welcome to the morning conference, and their cost will be \$5 for a light breakfast and PDU's. If you want to bring prospective members, get a nonmember registration form from your chapter president. This would be a great way to show the value of attending DKG sponsored conferences. Since our webmaster is on a trip to Africa, registration forms will not be on line before Sept. 1, but we'd like members to sign up sooner if possible. All members registered will enjoy a Chef Salad Luncheon Buffet from 12 - 12:45 p.m. after the conference.

The Executive Board Meeting, which includes all chapter presidents and state leadership team members, will be held in the afternoon. All members are welcome to attend to hear what's happening around the state, but only Executive Board members may vote if there is a motion on the floor.

LODGING: Hilton Garden Inn, 2500 SW Western Blvd., Corvallis. Call 541-752-5000 before Sept. 2. Double \$170.10; King \$161. Go west (toward the beach) 3 miles to Philomath to the conference.



*A bouquet from
General Session at
the Northwest
Regional Conference
in Regina,
Saskatchewan*

Oregon has two new proofreaders for our Trail: Special thanks to **Christine Luehring** and **Kathie Hill** for agreeing to make our documents better!

~~Marie

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CATCH THE WAVE!!



**Dr. Cindy Ryan, President
Oregon State Organization**

President Dr. Cindy Ryan is on special assignment for WOU at Shanghai Normal University in Shanghai, China, for these last two weeks of August. She is teaching a workshop version of WOU's Infant Toddler course to their Early Childhood Teacher Education faculty.

Because of her absence, Marie Mueller and I have gathered materials needed for this edition of the Trail, and I have written one more President's Message (below).

**Immediate Past President
Kathy Martell**

During the 2013-2015 biennium, my theme was "Working Together.... Building Early Academic Readiness." I watched as the state of Oregon developed ways to have children ready to start school when entering kindergarten. The Legislature has invested heavily the last two years in creating Early Learning Hubs around the state. Marion County was the first to implement a "Hub," and currently Oregon has 15 Hubs. They share a common vision that includes these goals: (1) Every child is safe, healthy, and

prepared to learn; (2) Every family is strong and resilient; and (3) Early learning services are coordinated, effective and efficient. Each Hub develops its own activities to meet these goals.

Becoming a member of the Action Team for the Marion-Polk County Early Learning Hub has been a great learning experience for me and has provided opportunities to share about DKG with them. Grants from the DKG Educational Foundation have helped me connect with different organizations in Salem, and many of them are represented on the Action Team. This coming school year, I am collaborating with a representative from SMART (Start Making a Reader Today), a representative from the Willamette Family Medical Center who does the Reach Out and Read Program, and a representative from Salem-Keizer Headstart Program to get books into the hands of about 200 preschoolers. We will change the focus of the BEAR Project and use the bags as "personal book libraries" for these preschoolers. Each bag will include information about all our programs and the importance of early literacy for the parents. Right now we are looking for sponsors to finance three books to put in the BEAR bags to start with. Throughout the year, SMART will give each student two books a month from their program and, if they are a patient at Willamette Family Medical Center, students will get a new book from them at each well child checkup until age five.

Marion-Polk County Early Learning Hub has also launched the Vroom app. This app helps parents transform daily routines into brain building opportunities. Research shows that from birth to five years is when development of the

brain is the most rapid. This program is being embraced all around Oregon; by working with the Hub in your area, you can help get the word out. We will put this information in the BEAR bags for preschoolers. You can find out more information on this program by visiting www.joinvroom.org and downloading the app on your iPhone. It works great with grandchildren too.

I challenge every chapter in the state to visit the website <http://oregonearlylearning.com/current-early-learning-hubs/>, locate the Hub in your area and see how your chapter can coordinate efforts with them. This would get the word out about Delta Kappa Gamma, and you will meet other educators who support Educational Excellence too.

**Immediate Past President
Kathy Martell**



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EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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Comments? Contact us!**

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REGINA REMEMBERED!



President Cindy Ryan



International President Dr. Lyn Schmid and Darlene Cook draw a doorprize at the US Forum



President Cindy and Past President Kathy, all dressed up



Marietta Kuykendall



Kaye Jones



Madaline Lapp

13 OREGON DKG MEMBERS ATTEND NW REGIONAL IN REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Attending the Conference in Regina were 2015-2017 State President **Dr. Cindy Ryan**, 2013-2015 State President **Kathy Martell**, 2011-2013 State President **Alice Hartness-Reichle**, 2003-2005 State President **Madaline Lapp**, 1999-2001 State President **Sharon Hohstadt**, 1995-1997 State President **Jean Fairbairn** and 1993-1995 State President **Pat Howard**. Other members of the 2015-2017 Leadership Team were also present: State Vice President and Convention Coordinator **Kelly McIntyre**, State EEC Chair **Kaye Jones**, State Leadership Chair **Elaine Hall**, State Membership Chair **Marietta Kuykendahl**, State Finance Chair **Vickie Jackson**, and NW Representative to the US Forum **Darlene Cook**.



Front row left to right: Kaye Jones, Pat Howard, President Dr. Cindy Ryan, VP Kelly McIntyre, and Darlene Cook

Back row: Elaine Hall, Sharon Hohstadt, Treasurer Madaline Lapp, Alice Hartness-Reichle, Vickie Jackson, Kathy Martell, Marietta Kuykendall, and Jean Fairbairn.

International conferences start with preconference trainings for our new state leadership teams. Attending the 2015-2017 trainings from Oregon were President **Cindy**, State EEC Chair **Kaye**, State Membership Chair **Marietta**, and State Treasurer **Madaline**. After their trainings, they met to discuss where they would like to see our state headed. All will have special reports for us at the fall executive board meeting on September 12 as we learn the goals for our state this biennium and how we're all going to "Catch the Wave" and move forward in DKG. Attending the half-day preconference trainings for our Editor Marie Mueller and Webmaster Grace Pitzer was Immediate Past State President **Kathy Martell**, who wanted to develop her skills in these areas to be used at the chapter level.

Conferences and conventions at State and International levels are more meaningful to members if they take an active role in them. This year **Alice Hartness-Reichle**, as a member of the International Educational Excellence Committee, was co-presenter in the full-

Alice Hartness-Reichle at an Educational Excellence Workshop



day preconference training of the State EEC Chairs in the Northwest. She also developed the EEC booth at the Info Fair on Friday. **Vickie Jackson** presented a workshop titled "Increasing Vocabulary for Students Across the Curriculum K-8" and did an outstanding job! Vickie gave books to help participants create their own curriculum. Print is not dead!

Elaine Hall shared her love of using music in the classroom by presenting a workshop with her aunt titled "Lyrics and Literature 3." **Darlene Cook** planned an outstanding US Forum presentation for our region. The speaker was **Jassy Binda**, an RCMP lieutenant who works to fight against human trafficking. This problem has grown by 50 percent, has little risk to the handler, and offers great profits. This is a \$9.5 billion enterprise annually. Fragile people are easy to exploit and the market is growing. The United States needs to address this problem. We heard about human trafficking concerns from an international



Darlene Cook, presenting on the US Forum

perspective, saw a PowerPoint® presentation of the 2014 National Legislative Seminar, and helped determine topics to be addressed at the 2016 seminar March 13-16 in Washington, DC. Oregon members at the conference helped her prepare materials to hand out and created a display to be used at the Info Fair.

Sharon Hohstadt was a presider at two different

workshops and introduced the presenters. **Jean Fairbairn** helped keep the Oregon delegation organized for any assignment we were asked to do.

As a state, we grew closer together by having time to meet socially and network. Internationally, we were able

Vickie Jackson & "Words"



to reconnect with old friends from other states/provinces and make new friends. By attending an International Conference or Convention, you truly see what a remarkable organization we belong to and how important each level of the society is. **Put July 5-9, 2016, on your calendar and start planning to attend the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, with other members from Alpha Rho State!** You will be glad you did.

~~Kathy Martell & Vickie Jackson

WOMEN SPEAKING ON WOMEN

Our great women speakers discussed hardships required to achieve their positions. They felt the adventure made them better leaders. First was **Louise Lafrance**, the first woman in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). She worked her way up to the first woman Assistant RCMP Commissioner and is in charge of the college for RCMP recruits in Regina. She spoke about the prejudices she faced throughout her career and says it made her stronger. **Vaughan Soloman Schfield**, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, gave us a warm welcome and was elated that there was a women teacher's organization promoting women educators to be the best. We learned more about the royal protocols of a country in the English Crown.

Ruth Smilie spoke about arts and how they help children grow and develop confidence. As she worked with autistic children through acting, they became more interactive with the outside world. She advocates exposing all children to all types of art. **Dr. Lillian Eva Quan Dyck**, a biological psychologist, is a first generation Chinese - First Nation woman--and first to be appointed to the

senate of Saskatchewan. She told of many prejudices and how she had to work on aboriginal women's rights. By age 12, she was orphaned; growing up, she didn't share her First Nation heritage with anyone and found that the scientific world didn't think women had a place in science. Next was **Julie MacRae** who spoke of Canadian education. She has been in charge of four provinces' education reforms. She discussed paradoxes among the provinces and shared her concept of the future of Canada's education.

Our last speaker was **Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid**, International President, who spoke on the future of DKG. She has a vision for the next 85 years, but DKG needs to change with the times to be a vital organization that can advance women educators in future needs for the world.
 ~~Vickie Jackson



Alice Hartness-Reichle at Info Fair EEC Table

Darlene Cook (L) and Kathy Martell (R), surrounded by the RCMP



Shopping Spree:

Vickie Jackson, Kathy Martell, Cindy Ryan, and the Headless Woman



Oregon State-Alpha Rho Fall Executive Board Meeting & Workshop Day

**Saturday, September 12, 2015
8:45a.m.-4:00p.m.**

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2500 SW Western Blvd., Corval-
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Philomath to the conference.

Philomath Elementary School

Join us for a day of learning, fellowship, and fun!

**PDU's
will be
available!**

8:45-9:00a.m.	Sign-in, continental breakfast & networking
9:00-10:15	Workshop Session 1-choose from: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Technology session-Learn about a Flipped-Classroom!2. Diversity session-Strategies for working with English Language Learners3. Personal Growth session-Flower Arrangements
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Workshop Session 2-choose from: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Technology session-Web 2.0: It's for All Classrooms!2. Diversity session-Strategies for working with students on the Autism Spectrum in the classroom3. Personal Growth session-What's New in Adult Fiction for Fall
12:00-12:45p.m.	Chef Salad Luncheon Buffet
1:00-4:00	Executive Board Meeting

Registration:

- \$20.00 for continental breakfast, lunch, drinks, dessert and conference printing.
- Mail in registration by September 4th to Jill Snyder (see attached registration form for more details)



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Where: Philomath Elementary School
239 S. 16th St., Philomath, Oregon

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Lunch: Lunch will include a Chef Salad Buffet. There will also be a morning
continental breakfast and an afternoon snack.

Directions: Coming from the North or South, take Exit 228 (Hwy. 34W) off
I-5 and head towards Corvallis. Follow Hwy 34 for approximately
22 miles to 16th St. Turn left onto 16th St., and the school will be on
the left.

Please complete the information below and send to:
Jill Snyder, 2465 Timothy Dr. NW, Salem, OR 97304

Register by September 4th in order to guarantee your meal

Name: _____ **Chapter Office** _____

Chapter: _____

I would like PDU's (no additional charge) (please circle): Yes or No

Your Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

**Registration Fee: \$20.00 (Includes continental breakfast, lunch and
conference printing needs)**

Make checks out to: Alpha Rho State and in subject line put "Fall Conference"



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

CORNETET AWARD FOR A NON-MEMBER

from
The Delta Kappa Gamma
Educational Foundation

It is my pleasure to notify you that **Aimee Valencia** [from Corvallis] has received a Cornet Professional Development Award of \$1000. She plans to attend the 2015 National Conference for First Grade Teachers. We are pleased that an educator from your state received assistance to enhance her professional expertise.

Please encourage other educators (members and non-members) who need professional development assistance to check the International website for the Cornet Award information and application, and to apply.

Georgia Klein, Chair
Cornet Individual Professional
Development Awards Committee

IOTA MEMBER EXEMPLIFIES “85 AND BEYOND”

Alice Fossatti, age 101, was featured in a recent edition of the *East Oregonian* [Pendleton]. On May 9, the Alice Fossatti Ceramic Studio at the Pendleton Center for the Arts was dedicated in her honor. Alice is well known in Pendleton for creating many ceramic angels that watch over homes in the area.

A member of Iota, Alice taught kindergarten for 20-some years. In addition to a variety of ceramic arts, Fossatti created stained glass windows, raku pots, drawings, paintings, and sewing. Best known for her primitive-style, “nuanced” and “expressive” angels, the Iota member attended the opening of the new Fossatti Ceramic Center that allows professionals to work independently and beginners to learn

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wheel-thrown and hand-built ceramics through free or low-cost classes. You can visit the center at 214 North Main Street in Pendleton if you attend the 2016 Alpha Rho State Conference in Pendleton next spring.

This is life-long learning at its best!

SPICED UP SIGMAS!

Our Central Oregon Sigma Chapter was delighted to assist fellow member Nadine Waltman-Harmon with her antique estate sale this summer. Currently living in an artistic log house with her cat, Mama Chai, Nadine, herself a DKG member since 1948, has touched the lives of countless students. At 91 years young, she vividly remembers teaching for 42 years in Oklahoma and Arkansas, at Marshall and Pilot Butte Schools in Bend, and for NEA Teach-Corps Tanzania, East Africa. Nadine returned to Tanzania with her friend Rukia when she received a grant from DKG in 1970 to research Wahehe Folk Tales.



Author of several books and poems, she offers a captivating cookbook entitled *Recipes From the Golden Calabash*. If it intrigues you, contact her at NadineH@bendbroadband.com. Her book is sprinkled with down-home, foreign, simple, and elegant recipes, all with a special twist and often accompanied by fascinating connections. She has shared heart-felt encounters of cultures, people, and smiles throughout the world and especially with anyone who is lucky enough to share her delicate cookies or special horseradish dip. Proceeds from continuing sales of her book will go to establishing a DKG Scholarship / Assistance Humanities Fund in honor of her daughter and artist, Rebecca K. Hyland. Sales are handled by Sigma Chapter of Alpha Rho State. Every penny goes to this scholarship fund and in so doing the memories, as spices, will live on in the recipes.

Respectfully submitted by Sigma Members from Madras, Prineville, Redmond, Powell Butte, Bend, and Sisters, Oregon.

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**Special “thank you”
go to Kappa Chapter
for hosting the
September 12th Fall
Conference &
Executive Board
Meeting.**

Have you heard about Oregon's "Free Community College" legislation? Do you know the facts?

FACTS ABOUT "FREE COLLEGE" AND THE OREGON PROMISE

Used with permission from Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, Oregon

For details, visit OREGON PROMISE FACTS. Grant Walker, Director of Marketing and Recruitment,

There has been intense media coverage about "Free Community College" after the Oregon legislature passed the Oregon Promise bill (Senate Bill 81) on July 3. You may get questions from students, people in the community, and your friends and family about free college. Here is some information to help you with your answer.

First, it is not free. Rogue Community College enthusiastically supports any program that will help more people get more access to a college education. This bill is a positive step toward that goal, but the legislature approved only \$10 million for the program, not enough to completely fund every Oregonian for two years of community college. Only some people will qualify to have their educations partially subsidized by the state.

For example, there were 45,000 high school graduates in 2015, and \$10 million divided between them would be \$222 per student. For this reason, there will be specific criteria to determine who qualifies for the Oregon Promise and the amount of each student's award:

- The Oregon Promise provides funding for Oregon residents who have graduated from an Oregon high school or earned a GED to go to community college.
- Students must enroll in a community college within six months of graduation or GED completion.
- They must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits) in one-year transferable coursework, or an associate degree or CTE [Career/Technical Education] program.
- They must have a complete Federal Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) on file.
- Students will have to maintain 2.5 grade point average and show progress toward their academic goal.
- Grants will be provided to students starting in the 2016-2017 academic year.

The minimum award available to students is expected to be \$1000, and it will be last dollar contributed to the cost of college after other federal and state financial aid is awarded.

It will be challenging to track student progress and administer other parts of the program such as eligibility for students.

This program is a positive step toward inspiring people get an education and, therefore, a better life. That would be good for everyone. The RCC graduates in 2015 will be entering jobs in the Rogue Valley in health care, manufacturing, electronics, computer science, and other areas. Collectively, they will earn millions of dollars which they will spend locally.

US FORUM AT REGINA

Approximately 140 members from 12 Northwest states and 9 visiting states attended the US Forum. A special thank you goes to my Alpha Rho sisters for all your help at the Forum Session and Info Fair! The 2016 seminar is March 13-16 in Washington, DC. **The first person to register from the Northwest Region will receive a \$50 stipend to be issued on site in DC.** Major areas of concern expressed by Northwest members were human trafficking, bullying/cyber bullying, gun violence/mental health, immigration, and poverty/hunger. Cumulative results from the four regions will determine issues to be addressed in March. [Subscribe](#) to the US Forum Connection; contact Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh at bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com Visit the US Forum Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum. ~~**Darlene Cook, US Forum Northwest Regional Representative, 2014-2016**

CHAPTER CHATTER!

District 1

Zeta (Union County/LaGrande):

decided to make a quilt and hold a raffle as a moneymaker for scholarships. A committee chose and prepared the fabric and the group sewed the blocks. A professional quilter is now quilting it while our groups are organizing for the advertisement and raffle. Watch for a photo in the next *Trail*.

District 2

Omega (Josephine Co.): celebrated summer with a picnic on July 27. Two prospective members attended and were enthusiastic about DKG after our discussion on benefits and opportunities. Omega congratulates **Margaret "Peggy" Cowens** on her selection as District 2 Coordinator.

District 3

Gamma (Lane Co.): is preparing for another year of programs that provide teachers with free PDU's as well as developing knowledge of our community and how it provides for children. We continue to support Pearl Buck students and Camas Country educational field trips.

Kappa (Linn Co.):

- July: At an energetic board meeting, we planned the whole year.
- August: At the Farm Home in Corvallis for meeting/luncheon with several guest who may join!!
- Sept. 12: Kappa is hosting the Fall Leadership in Philomath .
- Oct. 17: Business meeting
- Nov. 14: Auction in Corvallis, our major fund raiser, with a presentation on how the money is used.
- Jan. 18: Presentation of new of-

ficers. Speaker from Haiti.

- Feb. 18: Election of officers. Speaker on Mental Health.
- April 14: Meeting at new Library in Monroe.
- May 21: Final meeting; committee presentations; recap 2015-16.

Lambda (Lane Co.): This spring Lambda installed its first Little Free Library on the corner of Dr. Yvonne Fasold's front yard. Built by former colleague Kirk Kneeland, painted by Dan Maxwell (our secretary Marg's husband) and with roses stenciled by Marj), and installed by Kirk and Dan, Marj and Yvonne, the library is a busy spot with books flying off its humble shelves. Middle school-aged books are especially popular, perhaps because Dennis and Yvonne live just a few blocks east of Monroe Middle School. We have our official name plate and number from the Little Free Library folks and look forward to many years of neighborhood use.

This year Lambda will learn about bees, Art Corps, The Imagination Library that singer Dolly Pardon started, and much more. Our Membership Committee is lining up retired teachers with active teachers to support teachers going back to work this fall. We're looking forward to another fun, information-filled, activity-centered year!

Sigma (Deschutes, Jefferson & Crook Cos.): Has a BBQ/swim before school starts to finalize 2015-16 meeting dates and prepare (1) books to donate for our Care Bags and (2) gifts for new teachers in Jefferson County 509J school district. We have a September yard sale for our Grant in Aid fund.

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Our executive board meeting is this August. Planning for the year is always a

productive meeting. Several members will be attending Fall Conference in Philomath.

District 5

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): held a successful garage sale on a weekend when we thought it would rain, but it was 100 degrees! The Board met twice: once in June to review and then again in August to plan for a successful and fun 2015-16

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Vice President **Kelly McIntyre** has a new job this fall as counselor for the 6th Grade and half of the 7th grade at Duniway Middle School in McMinnville. Kelly is excited about working with Principal Cathy Karnahan, who was 2010 Oregon State Principal of the Year and 2011 National Principal of the Year!

Vickie Jackson, Finance Committee, retired in 2015 after 35 years Vickie worked in Monument, OR, for two years, then followed her military husband to his Army postings, working with soldiers from 1981-84, before returning to Oregon to teach the seventh and eighth. Congratulations and happy retirement, Vickie!

WHITE ROSES

CHAPTER ETERNAL



Dorothy Geraldine Cereghino

April 16, 2015

Iota

Pendleton High School teacher

Janice Elaine Foster Bensel

May 1, 2015

Iota

Pilot Rock-- Middle School
Teacher and High School
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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12, 2015
Fall Conference and Exec. Bd.
Philomath Elementary School
Philomath, Oregon

April 29 - May 1, 2016
Oregon State Conference
Pendleton, Oregon

July 5 - 9, 2016
International Convention
Nashville, Tennessee
(Gaylord Opryland Center)

President Cindy's 2015 – 16 Schedule

Date(s)	Chapter/Activity	Location
6/20/15	Leadership Transition Meeting Western Oregon University	Gentle House Monmouth, OR
7/29-8/1, 2015	NW Regional Conference	Regina, Canada
9/12/15	Fall Conference & Executive Board Meeting	Philomath Elem. Philomath, OR
4/29- 5/1, 2016	2016 Spring Conference Wildhorse Resort & Casino	Pendleton, OR
7/5 - 7/9, 2016	International Convention Gaylord Opryland Resort	Nashville, TN